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**Statement
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**at the Plenary Meeting
of the 80th Session of the United Nations General Assembly
on Agenda item 65: From the New Partnership for Africa's Development
to Agenda 2063: progress in the implementation of sustainable development
in Africa and international support**

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Madame President,

1. Thailand wishes to thank the Secretary-General for his insightful reports and recommendations.
2. Africa's development is essential to a sustainable global future. With abundant natural resources and growing young population, the continent holds immense potential for driving economic growth, innovation, and environmental sustainability. The world needs Africa in moving forward.
3. Thailand welcomes Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want. Through this roadmap, Africa has committed to pursue seven "Moonshots" in building a continent that is prosperous, integrated, peaceful, responsive, people-driven, rooted in its values, and a strong influential force on the global stage.
4. Thailand reaffirms its continued support for Agenda 2063's Implementation Plan which has entered a Decade of Acceleration last year. Achieving these goals is a shared responsibility. We must strengthen cooperation at multilateral, regional, and intra-regional levels to support Africa's aspirations. These efforts must also be regularly reviewed and adapted to the continent's evolving challenges.
5. In this regard, Thailand wishes to make the following three points:
6. First, we must stand in solidarity and support African countries for their sustainable economic growth and advancement.
7. Finance is essential for achieving sustainable development. In line with the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, we must scale up funding and investment for Africa towards achieving SDGs. We also call on developed countries to honor their Official Development Assistance (ODA) commitments, as reaffirmed in the Pact for the Future.
8. Trade is a key driver for development. Thailand welcomes initiatives such as the African Continental Free Trade Area, which play a vital role in increasing trade, reducing poverty, building resilient economies, and establishing common frameworks and standards across the continent.
9. Second, we support reform of the international financial architecture to better represent the voices and needs of African countries and other developing nations. The reform will help ensure that Africa's financing is predictable, affordable, and aligned with national priorities, guided by the Sevilla Commitment.

10. We reaffirm our support for African initiatives in promoting inclusive international tax cooperation at the UN, which aim to improve international debt mechanism, mitigate the debt burdens, and unlock financing obstacle for African countries.

11. Lastly, we must strengthen our partnership with Africa.

12. On our part, Thailand is committed to advancing the SDGs through active engagement in South-South and triangular cooperation. In line with the needs of our partners and responding to ongoing challenges, we have implemented a variety of development initiatives across Africa, notably on sustainable agro-technologies development with Kenya, on prosthetic legs with Senegal and Burundi, on aquaculture and seafood processing with Mozambique, on sustainable community development in Morocco, and on local community development based on our Sufficiency Economy Philosophy with Benin.

13. Human resource development is also a cornerstone of Thailand's cooperation with Africa. Since 2015, 1,520 African participants have taken part in our Annual International Training Course or AITC, 154 scholars have awarded scholarships under Thailand International Postgraduate Programme or TIPP.

14. Thailand had the honour of hosting the inaugural Thai-Africa Development Forum or TADF in May this year in Bangkok, which brought together representatives of African governments to exchange best practices and explore further cooperation. The forum has well reflected our shared vision for growth and development, and shared aspiration for a more sustained global future.

15. The second TADF will be held in December with a focus on sustainable agriculture and food security, offering representatives from African countries, regional institutions and economic communities, opportunities to explore Thailand's development model, engage in policy dialogue, and identify areas of meaningful future collaboration.

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16. To conclude, Thailand stands firmly by African countries in their pursuit of development driven by its people, and encourages the international community to work together in supporting our African partners to ensure the achievement of sustainable development and a prosperous future of Africa.

17. Thank you.

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